

REMARKS

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 103

The Examiner has maintained a rejection of independent claim 1 while allowing the other two independent claims. Claim 1 will be examined at a later time to explore whether a continuation application will be forthcoming.

In the meantime, claim 1 is cancelled with the enclosed amendment. The remaining rejected claims are affected by the enclosed amendment amending them to now depend from one of the two independent claims which were allowed, namely, claims 20 and 21.

These amendments are being provided as allowed by 37 CFR 1.116(b) as claim 1 was cancelled and the remainder of claims 2-19 and 22, instead of depending directly or indirectly from claim 1 now depend directly or indirectly from one of claims 20 and 21 which were indicated to be allowable.

Accordingly, as affected by the enclosed amendment, claims 2-23 are now believed to be in proper form for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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